



Key Communiqué

News for School Councils

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One of the most significant ways parents and community members can make a meaningful difference in the lives of our students is through school councils. By connecting students, schools and communities, school councils help nurture and inspire our students to achieve their full potential.

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COSC Feb. 19 Materials Posted Online

At the Feb. 19 Council of School Councils (COSC) meeting topics included important updates on:

- the 2020-21 CBE budget;
- 2020 Alberta School Councils AGM; and
- transportation options for next year

There was also a detailed presentation on the K-9 reporting and assessment process.

The presentation materials from this meeting have been posted on the [CBE school council web page](#). Please feel free to share this with members of your school council and school community

Improving Communication about Student Learning – Fill out the Survey!

School councils are an important part of our school communities. As actively engaged parents, your perspectives on what has worked well in your school and what barriers your school communities may have experienced are important to us as we consider how to improve communication about student learning and achievement.

During the Feb. 19, 2020 COSC meeting participants had an opportunity to share their thoughts in person. If you did not have an opportunity to attend this meeting, or if you have further input for us to consider, please share it with us.

The survey is three questions long and will remain open until **Friday, March 20, 2020**. Please feel free to share it with your school council. [Please click here to complete the survey.](#)

The information we collect will be helpful as we begin developing communication routines and system-wide expectations for CBE schools, as well as helping us with the direction and design of future parent resources.

Thursday, Apr.16, 2020 COSC Meeting

The next COSC meeting for the 2019-20 school year is confirmed for Thursday, Apr. 16, 2020.

All COSC meetings are held at the Education Centre, 1221 – 8 Street S.W with free parking available.

Invitations and more information will be sent out closer to the meeting date.

Trustees Comment on Provincial Budget

On Feb. 27, the provincial government released its 2020-21 budget, including how much funding the Calgary Board of Education will receive for the next school year. Trustees posted [a response](#) on the CBE website.

Advocacy Resolutions Review and Pre-Sorting

Provide advance input on the Proposed Advocacy Resolutions submitted for consideration at the ASCA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on April 26.

To prepare for the AGM efficiently, ASCA is asking school council members to review, discuss and pre-sort (online) – indicating their support or disapproval of the resolutions proposed – exactly as they are presented. Online pre-sorting is open until **March 27, 2020**.

Pre-sorting does not determine policy – but indicates the order and grouping of resolutions in preparation for voting on meeting day. Changes may still occur, and only resolutions passed by a majority vote at the AGM become association policy.

Pre-sorting encompasses a broader member perspective, and identifies resolutions receiving general support (60% approval) to be grouped as one vote, saving time for those more complex or requiring further discussion, to be considered individually at the AGM. The ASCA Board of Directors will review the results, and structure the Order Paper for the Annual General Meeting using the information received from the pre-sort.

For more information, please see the ASCA website pages noted below:

- [Advocacy Resolutions Package 2020](#)
- [Advocacy Resolutions Pre-Sort](#)

School Council Handbook

The [School Council Handbook](#) has been updated. Please see the website to view the new version

School Councils Conference

Annual General Meeting April 24 – 26, 2020
Hosted by Alberta School Councils Association in Edmonton.

Providing development sessions, information sharing and resources for the school community, this event offers opportunity to engage in provincial Education and network with school council members from across Alberta.

The three-day event is Friday, Saturday and Sunday with options to purchase a ticket pass or individual event tickets. Saturday sessions, keynote address and an evening banquet are presented prior to the Sunday business meeting and election of the ASCA Board of Directors.

Visit the ASCA website for [information and online registration](#). View the [Conference brochure here](#).

Deadlines: Conference registration April 20, 2020 at noon and hotel registration is March 26, 2020 to guarantee rate availability.

System Calendar Dates

A reminder about the following **system** dates:

Friday, March 20

System-Wide Non-Instructional Day, schools closed

March 23 – 27

Spring Break, all schools closed

Monday, March 30

Traditional calendar schools reopen

March 30 – April 3

Modified calendar schools continue Spring Break

Monday, April 6

Modified calendar schools reopen

Friday, April 10

Good Friday, all schools closed

Monday, April 13

System-Wide Non-Instructional Day, schools closed

Friday, May 15

System-Wide Non-Instructional Day, schools closed

Monday, May 18

Victoria Day Holiday, all schools closed

Monday, June 29

Last day of school for students

Please be sure to check your school's website and calendar for other dates that are school specific.

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